

Get More Information about Hospital Care

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- The “Guide to Choosing a Hospital”
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Compare Plans and Providers

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Medicare's Hospital Compare



Some hospitals do a better job of taking care of patients than others.

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Why should I compare hospitals?

Most people check restaurant ratings or read consumer reviews before they make a choice. Shouldn't you also check the quality of the hospitals you rely on when you need medical care?

In an emergency, you should go to the nearest hospital. When you can plan ahead, you and your doctor should discuss which hospital will best meet your health care needs. The information on the **Hospital Compare** Web tool can help you make an informed choice. Visit www.medicare.gov/hospital.

Here's a sample of what you'll see:

Hospital Compare

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Search Type [What is this?]

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Select a Surgical Procedure

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View All Measures

Surgical Care Improvement Project Standards of Care Measures

Hospitals can reduce the risk of wound infection after surgery by making sure patients get the right medicines at the right time on the day of their surgery. These measures show some of the standards of care. [Read more information about how to prevent wound infection. Learn why Surgical Care Improvement Project Standards of Care Measures are Important.](#)

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	RIVER HOSPITAL	MOUNTAIN HOSPITAL	LAKE HOSPITAL
1234 ABC ST.	5678 LMN AVE.	4567 XYZ ST.	
ANYTOWN, PA 00045	ANYTOWN, PA 00045	ANYTOWN, PA 00045	
(555) 555-0000	(555) 555-7000	(555) 555-1000	
Type: Acute Care	Type: Acute Care	Type: Acute Care	
Map & Directions	Map & Directions	Map & Directions	
Add to my Favorites	Add to my Favorites	Add to my Favorites	
<p>☀️ Outpatients having surgery who got an antibiotic at the right time - within one hour before surgery (higher numbers are better)</p>	77%	74%	93%
<p>☀️ Outpatients having surgery who got the right kind of antibiotic (higher numbers are better)</p>	33%	96% ¹	100%
<p>Surgery patients who were taking heart drugs called beta blockers before coming to the hospital, who were kept on the beta blockers during the period just before and after their surgery</p>	60% ¹	85% ²	78%

Standards of Care Measures

Outcome of Care Measures

Use of Medical Imaging

Survey of Patients Hospital Experiences

Medicare Payment and Volume

What kind of information is on Hospital Compare?

Hospital Compare gives you a “snapshot” of the quality of the hospitals in your area and around the nation.

- How recently-discharged patients responded to a national survey about their hospital experience. For example, how well their hospital's doctors and nurses communicate with patients, and how well they manage their patients' pain.
- How often each hospital gives recommended treatments for certain common conditions like heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, children's asthma, and for surgical patients.
- How each hospital's rates of readmission and 30-day mortality (death) rates for certain conditions compare with the national rate.
- How a hospital uses outpatient medical imaging tests (like CT scans and MRIs).
- How many people with Medicare have had certain procedures or have been treated for certain conditions at each hospital.
- How much Medicare pays a hospital (on average) when the hospital performs certain procedures or treats certain conditions.

Soon, Hospital Compare will have information about patient safety and hospital-acquired conditions, like infections. Check Hospital Compare regularly for updated information.